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1. PALESTINE: Israeli advance seen as threat to settlement--
US Consulate General Jerusalem expresses the view that the Israeli advance into the southeastern Negeb: (a) constitutes a violation of the Security Council truce resolution of July 1948; and (b) is apparently intended to present the UN with a fait accompli before permanent armistice lines are drawn during the Transjordan-Israeli negotiations at Rhodes. The Consulate declares that the Israeli advance, besides jeopardizing the Rhodes negotiations and the work of the UN Palestine Conciliation Commission, will destroy the slowly developing willingness of the Arab states to negotiate a settlement with Israel. In the Consulate's opinion, strongest representations should be made to the Israeli Government against Israeli incursions into Transjordan and also against any advance by Israeli forces into the Negeb.

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British instructions to Aqaba garrison--According to US Embassy London, the British War Office has sent the following instructions to the commander of the Aqaba garrison: (a) if Israeli forces open fire, either from Palestine territory or after crossing the Transjordan frontier, the fire is to be returned; (b) if Israeli troops cross the Transjordan frontier without firing, the British commander is to warn them not to approach and then open fire if the warning is disregarded; and (c) if Israeli aircraft fly over British positions, they are to be engaged whether or not they take offensive action. The Embassy adds that Acting UN Mediator Bunche and the Israeli Government have been informed of these instructions.

(CIA Comment: It is unlikely that the Israelis will initiate offensive action against the British or invade Transjordan territory again intentionally.)

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2. INDONESIA: Dutch seek US support for proposal - Dutch Foreign Minister Stikker has informed US Ambassador Baruch at The Hague that he will undertake to obtain Dutch Cabinet approval of a plan for the restoration of the Republican government to Jogjakarta if he can be assured of US and British support. The Dutch proposal reportedly provides that: (a) Netherlands authorities will remain responsible for law and order throughout Indonesia; (b) civil police will be responsible for order within Jogjakarta and environs but the Dutch armed forces will remain there for use in an emergency; (c) the Republican government will immediately issue a cease-fire order upon its return to Jogjakarta; (d) the Republican government will revoke the powers conferred on any government now acting in Sumatra or elsewhere; (e) the terms of the restoration of the Republic will be determined by negotiations in Batavia with the assistance of the UN Commission for Indonesia; and (f) the Republic will subsequently send to The Hague a delegation including the president and the prime minister. According to Ambassador Baruch, Foreign Minister Stikker believes that it will be imperative to obtain US support to overcome Cabinet resistance to such a plan. Stikker believes that adequate British support has already been given through Bevin's general approval of the proposal.

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3. PERU: US concern over Colombian-Peruvian disagreement - The Department of State has informed US embassies in Argentina, Brazil, and Peru that it continues to be preoccupied over the possibility of an incident involving Peru and Colombia which would threaten the tranquility of the South American continent. The Department indicates that the Colombian Government has become more and more alarmed over the possibility of an attack

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on its embassy in Peru (Haya de la Torre, the leader of the now-outlawed APRA Party of Peru who has taken asylum in the Colombian Embassy there, cannot leave the country because the Peruvian Government refuses to grant safe-conduct). The Department requests information concerning the attitude of the Argentine and Brazilian governments on this situation.

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